
FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

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Finding: The State of California and Nevada should support the equipping of the Nevada Air National Guard in Reno with the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System.

Background and Supporting Evidence: The 152 Airlift Wing includes the 192nd Airlift Squadron which flies the C130H. The C130 is a proven airborne firefighting system. Stationed out of the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, the squadron is ideally positioned to provide aerial assets to the Tahoe basin as well as a large portion of the western United States. Beyond the capability of the C130 to deliver retardant, the Reno based C130s are equipped with the infra red surveillance system.

Recommendation(s): The Governors of California and Nevada should support the equipping of the C130s for the Nevada Air National Guard with the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System and appropriate equipment.

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas):*

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

- ☐ **Cost:** It is not known to this author what costs are associated with the use of the Air Guard C130. It must be assumed that the costs are significantly less even on a per gallon of retardant delivered bases.
- ☐ **Funding source:** In California I assume funding would be through the normal E-Fund which is used for extended attack fires. Funding of the Air Guard assets would operate under the existing system for utilizing Guard, Reserve and Active Duty assets.

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- ☐ **Staffing:** Existing state staffing can be used to liaison with the federal assets. This proposal will not require any additional staffing at the state level.
- ☐ **Existing regulations and/or laws:** The existing system for utilizing federal resources would apply to the use of these assets.

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is OPTIONAL:

- ☐ **Operational:** The Nevada C130s would integrate with the fire services just as they have done in the past with the other C130 units.
- ☐ **Social:** No impact
- ☐ **Political:** I assume that there would be some reluctance to introduce a potential negative impact on the California Air Guard unit's use of the MAFFS system. The inclusion of the Nevada Air Guard into the MAFFS delivery system should, however, have no impact on the California unit. Based on recent fire history there will be a need for both Air Wings to provide aerial assets.
- ☐ **Policy:** Unknown
- ☐ **Health and Safety:** This is a proven system for fire suppression. It will provide needed additional resources during those periods of extreme fire activity. The utilization of the Scathe View System can provide a critical asset for enhanced firefighter safety and operational planning.
- ☐ **Environmental:** No adverse impacts
- ☐ **Interagency:** This proposal will integrate within the existing interagency agreements and operating plans.